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County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works

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LA County hosts Used Oil & Filter Recycling event in Florence-Firestone

LA County Public Works will host a free used motor oil and oil filter recycling event on Saturday, March 21, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at AutoZone, located at 5858 South Central Avenue, Los Angeles, 90001.

Participants who recycle oil filters will receive a new oil filter. In addition, free used oil containers, shop towels and funnels will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Items for drop-off should be prepared by placing oil filters in sealed plastic bags and storing used motor oil in leak-proof containers. Used oil should not be mixed with any other liquid, including water.

Used motor oil and oil filters also can be recycled for free at a local certified collection center or on weekends at a County-sponsored Household Hazardous Waste/Electronic Waste collection event. A full calendar of collection events and list of collection centers can be found at: www.CleanLA.com.

When used oil is illegally dumped into storm drains, it pollutes local water bodies and contaminates sources of clean drinking water. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, it only takes one gallon of motor oil to contaminate as much as a million gallons of fresh water. That is equivalent to a year's supply of drinking water for 50 people.

For additional information on the County's oil and oil filter recycling program, call Edna Gandarilla, Program Manager, at (626) 458-6536.

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